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Board of Selectmen, Town of Southington, House urging your support for this measure. I wish to thank members of the Committee for their thoughtful consideration of the position of the residents of the bill and Town.

Rep. DeBaise: Thank you Sir. Does the Highway Department have any comments on this bill?

Mr. Bentley: It's clear from the previous speakers that the intent of this bill is to repair the railroad bridge and it attempts to do it by extending la to incorporate it, A look at the map will show that this is not feasible, la could not properly be extended to what would be a stub end, and this would not be approved by the American Association of Highway Officials that has jurisdiction over these matters, it would not form part of an intergrated State highway network. The department sympathizes with this problem, the railroad has been unwilling or unable to meet its responsibilities for repairing bridges, and I understand some legislation is going to be submitted which may cause State funds to be used for this purpose, but the department is opposed to this bill as it stands because they could not reasonably include la as a ruling over this bridge for the purpose of repairing the bridge.

Rep. DeBaise: This is Rep. DeBaise from the 82nd. There's no money at all in the Highway Fund for maintenance of this area at all, Mr. Bentley?

Mr. Bentley: We're not authorized to use Highway Fund money under present statutes to maintain Town road bridges over the railroad, this we could not, could not become the responsibility of the department. But there is a possibility that this legislation may be put in I understand. One thing I might say, even if this is put in, and I believe the half a million dollars is a figure mentioned in that bill, this would take care of only a handful of bridges and there are a great many that fall into this category, a great many that need repair and some sort of priority order would have to be set up to accomplish these and, like I say if it was only a few it could be done with that sum of money.

Rep. DeBaise: Thank you. Would anyone else like to speak on any subject matter? Does the Highway Department have any-----.

Mr. Bentley: I have a great many statements here which I will turn in,, there are just two I would like to comment on. 5513 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WEST ROCK TUNNEL. The department opposes this bill because the West Rock Tunnel passes under West Rock Park in New Haven. The blasting out of the tunnel would have a tremendous impact on the park resulting in the loss of park land to the City. This would create considerable public furor. As there is no urgent need for any improvements to the tunnel, it does not seem, other than maintenance, it does not seem practical to expend moniês for this study especially when the impact on the park and the strong community opposition to the project are so obvious. Bill 8678 concerns alterations in the state highway system and would change some wording in the statutes. I will not read this comment but basically the department supports the intent of these changes which would be in consistency with the other statutes. S.B. 8798 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED LAYOUT OF STATE HIGHWAYS. The department cannot support the intent of this bill, and I have a written statement prepared by the Bureau of Planning indicating the problems we would have with this type of legislation. The department supports the intent of bill 6609,

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items for consideration today so it is going to require our usual high degree of cooperation.

RONALD SARASIN, 95th District:

Mr. Speaker, prior to moving the Consent Calendar, I would like to remove one item from page 5, single starred item at the top of the page, Calendar No. 1328, House Bill No. 6658, file 1499.

MR. SPEAKER:

Objection is noted and Calendar No. 1328 will be removed from the Consent Calendar.

RONALD SARASIN, 95th District:

Mr. Speaker, I move adoption of the joint committees favorable reports and passage of the two-starred items on the Consent Calendar, which are as follows:

On page 1, Calendar No. 1262, Substitute for House Bill No. 5760, An Act Authorizing the Treasurer to Replace Mutilated, Defaced, Destroyed, Stolen or Lost State Obligations, file 1425.

Calendar No. 1264, House Bill No. 7755, An Act Concerning Limitation of Reserve Fund for Fire Districts, file 1434.

Calendar No. 1267, Substitute for House Bill No. 8798, An Act Concerning Public Hearings of Proposed Layout of State Highways, file 1435.

Calendar No. 1268, House Bill No. 8947, An Act Concerning Deferred Terms Regarding Zoning Officials. File 1426.

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Cal. 1191 File 1374 Substitute for H.B. 7041 An Act Concerning the Use and Operation of Snowmobiles.

Cal. 1193, File 1387, Substitute for H.B. 7483 An Act Concerning the Husband And Wife Retirement Income Option Under the Probate Court Retirement System.

Cal. 1194, File 1378 Substitute for H.B. 8330 An Act Concerning the Expansion of the Wequetequock Fire District in the Town of Stonington.

Cal. 1195, File 1293 Substitute for H.B. 8541 An Act Providing a Bonus for Veterans Who Were Eligible But Did Not Receive a Bonus for Service in World War II or the Korean War.

Page 10, Cal. 1206 File 1389 H.B. 7484 An Act Concerning Disability Retirement for a Judge of Probate.

Cal. 1207, File 1383 Substitute H.B. 7490 An Act Concerning the Definition of Average Final Compensation for a Judge of Probate

Page 11, Cal. 1209, File 1236, Substitute for H.B. 5574 An Act Concerning the Benefits Paid to the Spouse of a Teacher Who Dies Before Retirement.

Page 12, Cal. 1219, File 1187 H.B. 8712 An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Drug Dependency Unit at Veterans' Home and Hospital.

Cal. 1222, File 1422 Substitute for H.B. 8343 An Act Concerning Mandatory Refusal of Liquor Permits.

Cal. 1223, File 983, Substitute for H.B. 8359 An Act Concerning the Creation of a Commission on Compensation for Elected State Officials.

Page 13, Cal. 1225, File 1435 Substitute for H.B. 8798 An Act Concerning Public Hearings on Proposed Layout of State Highways.

Cal. 1229, S.B. 1830 An Act Concerning Participation of Hospitals in the Health And Educational Facilities Authority Act.

Page 14, H.B. 5491, File 916 An Act Granting Payment of the World War II Veterans' Bonus to Edward david Wellins.

Cal. 1233, File 777 H.B. 5672 An Act Granting Payment of the Korean War Veterans' Bonus to John P. Belansky, Jr.